

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0023] with the following amended paragraph:

A ~~traverse~~ transverse cross beam 8 is affixed to the vehicle body and is arranged in the area of the back rest 6, or behind the back rest 6, of a driver- and passenger-seat; the ~~traverse~~ transverse cross beam 6 8 generally forms a structural component of the vehicle body.

Please replace paragraph [0024] with the following amended paragraph:

A flat roof part 10 extends from the cross member 4 of the windshield frame to the ~~traverse~~ transverse cross beam 8, which flat roof part 10 laterally abuts on longitudinal cross beams 12; the ~~traverse~~ longitudinal cross beams 12 connect the side pillars 2 and/or the cross member 4 with the ~~traverse~~ transverse cross beam 8.

Please replace paragraph [0026] with the following amended paragraph:

For latching the roof part 10 on the vehicle, a latching mechanism, e.g. operable by a single grip 17, is provided in a known manner; the latching mechanism latches the roof part 10 to the cross member 4, as well as, if necessary, to the ~~traverse~~ transverse cross beam 8 and the longitudinal cross beam 12.

Please replace paragraph [0027] with the following amended paragraph:

A bracket 18 is fixedly attached on both sides of the rear area of the roof part ~~12~~ 10; each bracket 18 comprises a forward guide element 20 and a rear guide element 22, which are spaced somewhat from each other in the longitudinal direction of the vehicle and/or in the width direction of the roof part 10.

Please replace paragraph [0028] with the following amended paragraph:

The rear guide element 22 projects into a guide rail 24; the guide rail 24 is pivotably guided at hinge 28 in the vehicle inner compartment on both sides of the vehicle body close to the vehicle body floor 26. The forward guide element 20 is designed as a slide block that is, in the position shown in Fig. 1, non-slidably held by means of a latch 30 on a rail piece 32; the rail piece 32 is ~~pivotal~~ pivotably affixed ~~on~~ to the longitudinal cross beam 12 so as to pivot about an axis 34 (for more detailed illustration, see Fig. 3 to 6).

Please replace paragraph [0031] with the following amended paragraph:

The guide element 22 is slidably accommodated within the guide rail 24, wherein a retaining device therefor, so that the guide element 22 is not movable out of the guide rail 24 towards the top, is not required, because the upward movability of the roof part 10 is limited by its abutment on the inner side of the ~~traverse~~ transverse cross beam 8.

Please replace paragraph [0034] with the following amended paragraph:

Starting from the state, in which the rail piece 32 is latched with the guide rail 24, the roof part 10 can not be further tilted relative to the guide rail 24, because it is held, secured from tilting, above the guide elements 20 and 22. The roof part 10 can now be lowered in a well-defined manner along the guide rail 24 from the position shown in Fig. 7 to the position shown in Fig. 8, until the guide element 22 abuts on an abutment defined on the lower end of the guide rail 24 (Fig. 9). In this stowed position, the roof part 10 has moved to underneath the ~~traverse~~ transverse cross beam 8 in the vehicle inner compartment, so that it can be tilted, together with the guide rail 24, in the clockwise direction about its hinge 28 (detailed view in Fig. 11) into an abutment position shown in Fig. 10; in this abutment position, the compartment behind the back rest 6 is only minimally narrowed by the roof part 10.

Please replace paragraph [0036] with the following amended paragraph:

The abutment position shown in Fig. 10 can be latched via the grip 17 provided on the roof part 10, which is conveniently accessible. In this latching process, pins can extend laterally out of the roof part 10 and engage in corresponding recesses in the ~~traverse~~ transverse cross beam 8. In the alternative, the latching to the transverse cross beam 8 can also take place using the latch 30.

Please replace paragraph [0037] with the following amended paragraph:

When the roof part 10 is located in the abutment position shown in Fig. 10, the longitudinal cross ~~beam~~ beams 12 can be taken out, so that the space over the passenger compartment is bounded only by the windshield cross member 4 and the ~~traverse~~ transverse cross beam 8.

Please replace paragraph [0043] with the following amended paragraph:

In one modified embodiment, the upper end of the guide rail 24 can be formed, such that the guide element 22 comes free from the guide rail 24 in the position shown in Fig. 3, so that the guide rail 24 is pivotable in the clockwise direction further rearwardly into a position, in which it is accommodated as far rearward as possible in the ~~traverse~~ transverse cross beam 8.

Please replace paragraph [0044] with the following amended paragraph:

In a simplified embodiment, the guide rails 24 are not pivotable. The guide element 22 attached to the roof part 10 is latched in the guide rail 24 in its uppermost position and forms a hinge, about which the roof part 10 is upwardly pivotable. As such, the guide element 20 moves upwardly out of a guide groove of the longitudinal cross beam 12 and is subsequently lowerable together with the guide element 22, wherein it is inserted from above into the guide rail 24. Also in such a simplified embodiment, in which design freedom is limited by the form of the junction between the rear end of the roof part 10 and ~~traverse~~ transverse cross beam 8, a tilt-free lowering of the roof part 10 is possible. In such an embodiment, the ~~traverse~~ transverse cross beam 8 can be partially opened in order to create space for the roof part 10 that travels rearwardly during upward tilting.

Please amend line 5 on page 7 of the specification as follows:

8 ~~Traverse~~ Transverse Cross Beam